Title: Demand to set up a Parliamentary Standing Committee for other Backward Classes (OBCs) to implement the reservation policy and allow all languages of the Eighth Schedule for written examinations conducted by the Staff Selection Commission (SSC).

SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a very important issue relating to Other Backward Classes (OBCs). OBCs comprise more than 50 per cent of our population. The National Front Government implemented the recommendations of the Mandal Commission under which OBCs have been given 27 per cent reservation in employment. Those reservations are not being implemented in letter and spirit. We have Parliamentary Standing Committees for women, for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, but there is no Parliamentary Standing Committee for OBCs. It is a Constitutional reservation that we have extended to the OBCs. Earlier, there was no Backward Classes Commission at the national level. Now, through the National Commission for Backward Classes also we are extending a lot of support to the Backward Class people for their economic growth. To see that those schemes are properly implemented, we have to set up a Parliamentary Standing Committee. This is the need of the hour. I requested the former Speakers Shri Balayogi and Shri Sangma also and they wrote to the hon. Prime Minister in this regard. There is a lot of demand from employees' organisations and from the OBCs that a Parliamentary Standing Committee for OBCs be set up.

Secondly, on the reservation policy to be adopted in the Union Public Service Commission there is a Supreme Court judgement of August 2001. There is a clear-cut judgement. There are disparities in the implementation of reservation policy in the Union Public Service Commission. To remove those disparities, the Supreme Court has already delivered a judgement. The Government should act immediately and implement that judgement.

Thirdly, a very genuine demand has been made that all languages of the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution be allowed for writing examinations conducted by the Staff Selection Commission. This issue has already been discussed on the floor of the House. Even after elaborate discussion on the floor of the House, the Government of India has not taken any action in this regard. I demand that candidates be allowed to write the examinations conducted by Staff Selection Commission in their mother tongues. These are my three demands.

13.08 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till ten minutes

past Fourteen of the Clock.